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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/20/06 & 01/24/07 were filed before the first office action on the merits. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3-4,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oki et al. (JP 09-276405).

Oki et al. disclose a powder delivery device having a capsule housing , a capsule K, blades 20 or 49 which cuts/pierces the capsule K at a lateral direction with respect to the axial length of the capsule, a pump 8 which is pressurized (see figure 6) and powder medicament in the capsule is released via the passages in the branched top ends wherein the ends are tubular. and for insertion into the nasal cavity. Further, Oki et

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al. disclose a pump 8 and a one way valve 12 and an air intake valve 17 at the bottom of the pump 8. See figures 1-11.

Claims 1,3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kladders et al. (US 2004/0173211 A1).

Kladders et al. disclose a device comprising a capsule 1 with a medicine delivery part with one end in the capsule housing/holding part ,a pump considered to be 5 (in as much as applicant has shown and disclosed a pump so has Kladders et al.), a capsule setting/detaching part 19 having cutting blades 20 for piercing the capsule at both axial ends of the capsule 1. See figures 1-4. Kladders et al. specifically discloses a Bernoulli inhaler for delivery of powder inhaler. The tube is given the broadest interpretation by the Examiner.

Claims 1,3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kladders (US 4,889,114).

Kladders is rejected similar to Kladders et al. above. See figure 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kladder (US 4,889,114) in view of Ohki et al. (US 5,810,004).

Kladder discloses the invention as substantially claimed. Kladders disclose a powdered pharmaceutical delivery device comprising a single delivery at the top end , having a capsule which is pierced by cutting blades 11 at a lateral direction to the elongated axis of the capsule 15. However, Kladder is silent to a pump and a branched top end. Ohki discloses a powdered delivery device having a capsule K, a pump 15, a medical delivery part having one or branched top end 18,19 and a cutting blade 6 which cuts the capsule. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of powder medicament delivery to have modified the powder delivery device of Kladders et al. with a pump and branched delivery end as taught by Ohki et al. in order to provide an increased velocity of delivery of the medicated powder to the region of the body which could bypass areas of the body without being biologically or chemically broken down before reaching the target region. With respect to the branched delivery end, Ohki teaches delivery of inhaled powder medicaments by nose or mouth, it would have been obvious to modify the delivery end of Kladders to a branched end as taught by Ohki et al. in order to delivery of powder agents through the nasal passage.

Allowable Subject Matter

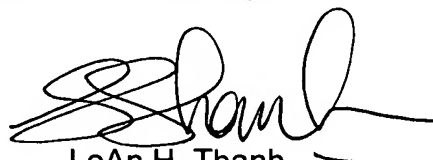
Claims 2 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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